

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 12 with the word the and ends on line 28 with the word effect with the following amended paragraph:

The ledges 22 on the lower side of the spacer 17 are provided to ensure that good contact is maintained between the strips 2 of the mop head 1 and the surface that is being cleaned, even in the region of the angled parts 7, particularly when the mop head is being driven into a corner. By way of explanation, referring to Fig. 8, it will be assumed that the angled part 7 shown in that drawing is being driven into a corner. During such a movement, the strips 2 of the web material 10 in the upper group 21 will tend to fold backwards underneath the leading angle of the spacer 17 while those in the lower group [[22]] 20 will tend to fold backwards underneath the leading angle of the base 15. The presence of the ledge 22 underneath the leading angle of the spacer 17 ensures that the pressure exerted on the web material in this region will be comparable to that exerted on the web material in the central part of the mop head underneath the base 15, thus ensuring a uniform effect over the whole of the surface that is being cleaned. Depending on the exact form of the mop head 1, and the form and nature of the strips 2, the ledges 22 may not always be required, and can be omitted if the desired cleaning effect is achieved without them. It will also be appreciated that the ledges 22 need not be formed from the same material as the spacer 17 and could be replaced by other forms of downwardly-extending portions on the spacer 17 that will provide a similar effect.

On page 8, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 24 with the word it and ends on page 9, line 2 with the word cleaned with the following amended paragraph:

It should be understood that the use of a spacer 17, 27 within the assembly of absorbent web material providing the strips [[1]] 2 is not restricted to mop heads of the type shown in Figs 1 and 10 to 13. Suitably-shaped spacers could be used in strip mop heads of other shapes including, in particular, dome-shaped heads that have circular or oval bases as well as those that have one or two angled portions of less than 90° to provide access to corners (such as mop heads having the

general shape illustrated in US-A-6 543 082). In each of those cases, the spacer would have a peripheral shape similar to that of the base of the dome-shaped head of the mop heads and could also, if necessary, be provided with peripheral downwardly-extending ledges (similar to the ledges 22 of Fig. 5) to ensure uniform contact between the mop strips and the surface that is being cleaned.